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Subject: Stakeholder concerns

Mr. Stultz,

As Vice President of Broad Run Farms Civic Association and alternate stakeholder for the community, I am writing you now to express concerns that I have with regard to the CBPO Stakeholder Meetings. I have attended all of the CBPO Stakeholder Meetings since inception of the stakeholder body and I believe I have proven to be an honest, collaborative member of the group.

The original schedule, starting with the first meeting on November 9, 2010, was once a week for two hours. We were to provide input and/or concerns 48-hours in advance. The county requested this 48-hour lead time to allow staff time to prepare for the meeting. In order to meet a Board of Supervisors vote date of January 2011, the schedule has now been adjusted to two meetings a week for 3 hours each—every Tuesday and Thursday.

This new schedule makes it impossible to provide input and/or concerns for a Thursday meeting with forty-eight hour notice per the county staff's request. It is also unrealistic to provide information and gain feedback from the rest of our board between meeting dates. Rushing a vote on such an important issue for every county resident is irresponsible. If the county is now not confident in the schedule and process it laid out to work with stakeholders on the CBPO, the vote date should be delayed.

Serving as an alternate stakeholder, I personally am very concerned how the rushed meeting schedule will impact my (and the primary stakeholder representative, Roy Jacobsen) responsibilities to our community. We are compelled to seek legal guidance on the potential legal ramifications and civic responsibilities as an elected representative of my community when I (we) don't have reasonable opportunity or time to provide information and seek board feedback.

I take my responsibility to my community seriously—I am a life-long resident of the county and take great pride in serving as an elected leader in Broad Run Farms. The people in the Broad Run Farms community that voted for me as Vice President of our civic association have put their faith in me and Mr. Jacobsen to represent them on the stakeholder committee. They too are familiar with the challenges in dealing with county and state government and know that you need to be involved to have a voice. I often volunteer as a community representative on issues such as this and I am shocked that the county and BOS would show such careless disregard for the residents of Loudoun County.

The bottom line—I want to make myself clear now and want to let you know I protest the rushed meeting schedule. There is no reason to speed up the process, if we are to do it right.

I respectfully ask that the original meeting timeline go into place with one meeting per week. It is a reasonable schedule, allowing community representatives time to provide information, gain feedback, provide the county staff with topics or concerns for the next meeting, and time for staff to prepare based on those topics. In two conversations last week with other local HOA's, I was told "Why should we waste our time (with the county meetings). We don't trust our county government anymore."

I don't see my participation as a waste of time but I do see the recent change to the meeting schedule as a move by the elected Board of Supervisors to do what is in the interest of their schedule and not necessarily what is in the best interest of their constituents, taxpayers, and voters.

Please send this to all stakeholders. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at 6:30.

Sincerely,
Eric DeJonghe